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Latest News

Citizens Win Landmark Ruling Setting Standing, Mobile Source Precedents

A federal district judge in Utah is backing a citizen suit alleging diesel aftermarket parts makers violated the Clean Air Act (CAA), with the decision notable because it may be the first successful private enforcement case

against a mobile source manufacturer and because it granted standing to the plaintiffs even though the emission contribution of the alleged violations was small.

Fearing Litigation Delays, Industry Urges EPA To Finalize RMP Revisions

Groups representing major industries are urging EPA to quickly finalize its rollback of an Obama administration rule that strengthened the Risk Management Plan (RMP) facility accident prevention program, fearing expected litigation over the rollback could extend beyond some of the existing RMP rule's compliance deadlines.

To End CWA 'Patchwork,' Industry Seeks Quick Rulings On 2015 Standard

Industry groups are making a fresh push for district judges to decide their long-standing challenges to the legality of the 2015 Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule in order to end the current "patchwork" of policies on the law's reach, even as some newly inaugurated Democratic governors are pulling their states out of those suits.

Canadian Mine Again Asks High Court To Weigh CERCLA's Foreign Reach

The Canadian mining company Teck Metals is again asking the Supreme Court to review a controversial appellate ruling requiring it to pay cleanup response costs even though the release occurred outside the United States, more than ten years after the company failed to convince the court to consider the issue.

Small-Business Groups Back Narrower CWA Rule But Seek Greater Clarity

Small-business groups are broadly backing EPA's plan to narrow the Clean Water Act's (CWA) reach but appear split on whether the agency's proposal achieves that goal, with some speakers at a March 19 listening session urging EPA to make major changes to the rule in order to provide more clarity on its scope and other provisions.

Fearing Risks Overstated, Consultants Eye Landmark Low-Dose Lead Study

Scientists with the consulting firm Ramboll are preparing to re-analyze a landmark 2005 study that led EPA and other agencies to strengthen rules and policies to protect children from even low doses of the potent neurotoxin, saying the study could have overestimated the adverse effects of such exposures due to confounding factors.

Daily Feed

High court lets stand landmark 6th Circuit toxic tort ruling

The Supreme Court is declining to review an appellate ruling that attorneys have said takes an extremely broad view of when courts can certify toxic tort cases as class actions.

DOJ-New York City deal extends SDWA deadlines

The proposed consent decree sets new deadlines for the city to construct a cover for a drinking water reservoir, as required by an EPA drinking water rule.

NRDC, states urge court to scrap EPA HFC guidance

EPA issued a guidance in response to a 2017 court ruling partially vacating its 2015 rule limiting refrigerants that are potent greenhouse gases, though critics say the guide was too expansive.

Ewire: EPA's MATS plan faces wide-ranging criticism

In today's Ewire: A bipartisan group of senators and almost two dozen states are urging EPA to drop its proposal undoing an Obama-era finding that it is "appropriate and necessary" to regulate utilities' air toxics.

EPA moves to roll back Obama-era pesticide provision

The changes, which Congress is allowing, will likely address industry concerns that provisions in the Obama-era worker protection standard to protect bystanders unduly limited farmers' pesticide applications.

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